

INTRODUCED: 5/8/2023

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillors E. Evans, Adamson, Brown, Ray, J. Evans, Potts, Barth, Larrison, Jackson and Oliver

DIGEST: recognizes the attacks on young LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers and reaffirms the City of Indianapolis' commitment to their safety and freedom, and proclaims May 8, 2023 as "Transgender Youth and Family Safety Day"

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor E. Evans

Drafted by: Councillor E. Evans

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL:



Date: May 4, 2023

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2023

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION condemning the attacks on young LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers and reaffirming the City of Indianapolis' commitment to their safety and freedom, and proclaiming May 8, 2023, as "Transgender Youth and Family Safety Day."

WHEREAS, the safety and personal freedom of our transgender youth and their families are under attack; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis values and recognizes the LGBTQIA+ community and will not support any efforts to compromise the welfare and safety of our LGBTQIA+ youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, affirmation of their gender identity and freedom of expression are vital to how children and teens see themselves and their ability to thrive; and

WHEREAS, family support and professional care reduce suicide attempts by LGBTQIA+ youth by 40%; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for families and transgender youth to have safe access to resources, medical care, and professional guidance to ensure a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the top major medical healthcare organizations support peer-reviewed gender-affirming care and oppose legislation that will hinder medical care for transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, actions to the contrary are likely to increase rejection and target harassment and hate crimes against transgender, nonbinary, and intersex youth; and

WHEREAS, dismissing the needs of transgender youth and families is fundamentally negligent and poses a significant risk that may have harmful and dangerous physical and mental health consequences; and

WHEREAS, anti-trans bills are a gross misrepresentation of medical knowledge, mental healthcare, and science, and tend to erode the rights of families and LGBTQIA+ youth statewide; and

WHEREAS, leadership in the City of Indianapolis, across the political spectrum, has a long history of standing in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community, including actions taken by the City-County Council to lobby against any legislation that would diminish the City's ability to protect civil rights, threaten its welcoming business environment, or tarnish its status as an inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis stands in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ community, will protect their rights to seek care and feel physically and mentally safe in our community, and will oppose actions that negatively impact the well-being and rights of LGBTQIA+ youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis should be considered a sanctuary and safe place for transgender children and their families, and

WHEREAS, the day this is passed should be considered "Trans Youth and Family Safety Day" in Indianapolis; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The City of Indianapolis will always stand shoulder to shoulder with our LGBTQIA+ community, will protect their rights to seek care and feel physically and mentally safe in our community, and will oppose actions that negatively impact the well-being and rights of LGBTQIA+ youth and their families.

SECTION 2. The City of Indianapolis should be considered a sanctuary and safe place for transgender children and their families, and the day this is passed should be considered "Trans Youth and Family Safety Day" in Indianapolis.

SECTION 3. The City-County Council condemns assaults on LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers and the targeting of some of our most vulnerable fellow residents.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this ____ day of _____, 2023, at ____ p.m.

ATTEST:

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President, City-County Council

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Yulonda Winfield
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor